

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

The FCC should retain or strengthen current media ownership rules. We need less consolidation, not more.

I can only assume that Mr. Powell is trying to hide his true intentions. He has, apparently, done the bare minimum as far as notifying the public - but most of us are quite in the dark as to what the FCC and the broadcast industry are up to. The big players in mass media are giving this issue minimal coverage - because they want the rule changes?

The FCC is for the people - not the industry. Since I don't really know what's going on (the details of the plan have yet to be released), I won't accuse anyone of corruption - but it sure doesn't look good.

I would demand that the FCC do its job and protect the public's ownership of and access to the airwaves. But I don't think it would do any good. It has become clear that the Bush administration and its minions have no regard for democracy so I expect no reasonable or honest reaction to public outcry. Many of us have pretty much lost all faith in our government institutions. We don't want to feel this way, but, with tricks like what Mr. Powell is up to now, how can we help it?

If any recipients of this message are perturbed by my sentiments, please respond. Only substantive responses please.

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